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06.24.11 EO email saying GP stated she always scans & signs immediately

Following week – had PP remove her from GC/MS rotation, made desk space available in 306.

AD – working exclusively on SOPs, discovery packets, testifying in court
Later changed policy – AD needed to ask PP for MS data

Betsy's Notes

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On 6-16-2011 it was brought to my attention by Shirley Sprague that certain Quincy samples had not been properly assigned to Annie. Shirley needed to manually add Annie's name to the computer when entering results from the evidence control cards. This is not a necessary step when the samples are properly scanned out to a chemist by the evidence officer.

When I reviewed the cards Shirley gave to me I confirmed that the chain of custody was incomplete for those samples. When evaluating the scope of potential samples that were unaccounted for it was determined that Lab numbers [REDACTED] (Quincy, excluding [REDACTED] "cert only" samples) and [REDACTED] Wellesley were not in the safe as they should have been. I looked in the logbook and those samples were not manually signed out as is evidence office policy.

At this time I alerted Chuck. We subsequently met with Julie to discuss on June (xx?). I showed Chuck and Julie the log book for those lab numbers in question and it was blank, showing no transfer of the chain of custody. Just prior to meeting with Annie the log book was again reviewed and surprisingly a chain of custody had been entered showing a transfer of those samples from Gloria Phillips to Annie on 6-14-2011. However, Gloria had not been in since 6-14-2011 and could not have written that chain of custody.

I called Gloria at home to see if she had any recollection of giving Annie the samples with the intent of signing them out later and perhaps forgetting to scan the barcodes. She stated that she would never do that because it is not policy or procedure to handle samples that way. On June 27 Gloria returned to work and was able to review the log book chain of custody and said the written transfer was not in her handwriting.

During this time frame it was determined that lab numbers [REDACTED] Dedham, and [REDACTED] Cohasset also had no chain of custody and were analyzed by Annie.

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